

March 1, 2022

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
House Committee on Finance
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Article 1, Section 16: Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution
H.7385: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – Employment Security Fund –
General Provisions

Dear Chairman Abney:

The undersigned businesses would like to express their support for Article 1, Section 16:
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution and H.7385: An Act Relating to Labor and
Labor Relations – Employment Security Fund – General Provisions.

Due to COVID-19 and state-mandates, many Rhode Island employers were forced to lay off
employees over the last two years.

While we appreciate the efforts DLT made to keep our UI rates level in 2022, Rhode Island
businesses are struggling to adapt to the 2021 UI Schedule change. This has led to increased
costs to small businesses across the State - many of which are still struggling to recover from the
COVID pandemic.

Please support using ARPA funds to replenish Rhode Island's Unemployment Trust Fund -
lowering costs for all employers.

Sincerely,

Bill Kitsilis

Angelo's Palace Pizza

Debra Ackerman

Scales & Shells Restaurant and Raw Bar

Joanna Arrighie

RI Convention Center

Robert Bacon

Gregg's Restaurants and Taverns

Michael Bettencourt

Atrium on Main

Brian Casey

Oak Hill Tavern

Aaron DeRego	The Red Dory
Thomas Dennen	Bayberry Beer Hall/Bayberry Beer Garden
Sanjiv Dhar	India House, Inc.
Jane Eccleston	Hotel Viking
John Elkhay	Chow Fun Food Group
Colin Geoffroy	Providence G
Michael Gerard	Tree House Tavern
Ashlen Gianforcaro	Cork & Rye
Sam Glynn	Chomp Kitchen & Drinks
Eric Handwerger	Ocean State Sandwich Co.
Karsten Hart	Providence G
Charlie Holder	Midtown Oyster Bar
Regina Jones	O'Brien's Pub
George McAuliffe	Mews Tavern
T.R. McGrath	McGrath Clambakes
Tamara McKenney	Apponaug Brewery
Casey Montanari	Bike Stop Cafe
Randy Nason	Seven Stars Bakery
Kaitlin O'Hara	Falvey Linen Supplies
James O'Hara	Falvey Linen Supplies
GeorgePanass	Spumoni's Italian Seafood Restaurant
Thomas Regan	O'Brien's Pub
Stephen Ricard	Uncle Tony's Pizza & Pasta

Kristina Sampalis

Scott Seaback

Ellen Slattery

David Smiley

Tina Tomaselli

Paul Conforti

Kristin Gennuso

Russell Dulac

Dunkin Donuts

RI Temps, Inc.

Gracie's/Ellie's Bakery

Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina

T's Restaurant

Trico Specialty Films

Chez Pascal

Red Parrot Restaurant